





MISCELLANEOUS.  
CAN'T DISPUTE THIS.

Because It Is a Local Transaction and the Citizen is on the spot to Confirm It.

The reader of this must concede to two important points, first, what follows having taken place in Portland can easily be investigated and proved to be true; second, there is a vast difference between opinions publicly expressed by a resident of Portland in Portland local papers and the opinions daily met with in the same paper's columns which were originally drafted in Maine or Michigan. Read this and acknowledge both points.

Mr. P. McGowan, of No. 7 Warren street, is an employee of the G. T. R. shops in Portland, Me., not an employee of the G. T. R. shops in Montreal, Canada, remember, but one of our own citizens. Read his endorsement of Doan's Kidney Pills. He says: "I know from experience that Doan's Kidney Pills are a sure cure for kidney complaint and I can unhesitatingly recommend them as such. My kidneys had been weak for quite a while and it extended to the bladder and caused trouble with the kidney secretions, a distressing inclination to urinate. I contracted a severe cold which added to the difficulty and brought on a pain across the small of my back. I went to H. H. May & Son's drug store, at the junction of Middle and Free streets, and got Doan's Kidney Pills. They helped me from the first. The backache went away and they corrected the secretions of the kidneys. Recommending them is helping others and I gladly do so."

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## WESTBROOK.

Rev. W. S. Ayres of Portland will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The services at Warren church tomorrow will be appropriate to New Year's day. The pastor will preach in the morning from the topic, "A More Abundant Life." Sunday school after the morning service. Annual election of officers. Celebration of the Lord's supper occurs at 8 o'clock. The evening service will be a social meeting. Topic, "Looking Forward." There will be a baptism and reception of members at the morning service.

Berean Advent church, John F. Cloutier, pastor. Prayer meeting at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 12:30 p. m.; preaching at 2 p. m., subject, "Baptism, its necessity and significance." The Lord's supper at 8:30 p. m.; revival service at 7 p. m. At the regular meeting of Saccharappa Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., held Friday evening, the following officers were elected:

V. G.—Charles L. Andrews.  
V. G.—James McEntee.  
R. S.—A. H. Norton.  
P. S.—A. L. Skilling.  
Treas.—Charles Partridge.  
Trustees—W. W. Cutter, A. L. Hawkes, Agent—W. M. Stiles.  
Junior—Eleanor Chase.  
Sabbath Division, Sons of Temperance have elected the following officers:

P. W. P.—Arthur Varnum.  
W. P.—Wm. Smith.  
W. A.—King Graham.  
R. S.—Blanche Porter.  
A. R.—Ira Allen.  
S. S.—Bryan Smith.  
Trans.—Mr. Dolley.  
Com.—Arthur W. McGaffey.  
Asst. Com.—Eva Fletcher.  
Trustees—A. Senter.  
Chaplain—J. S. Bragdon.  
Wm D. Smith, Jr., left yesterday for Hartford, Conn., where he will enter an institution for the blind to learn some trade.

Cloudman Post and Relief Corps will visit Charles A. Warren Post of Standish this evening.

## ALLEGED BIGAMIST ARRESTED.

Spector Fickett of the Portland police department yesterday arrested at a barber shop at the West End a man employed there who is wanted at Augusta on the charge of bigamy. City Marshal Morse of Augusta came to Portland yesterday looking after the man and had about given up finding him and was preparing to go home when Officer Fickett went out and located the man. He was taken to the police station, identified and taken to Augusta by Marshal Morse on the 5 o'clock train. The man's name is Harry D. Taylor, and he is 32 years old. He is charged that within a year he has taken to himself two wives, one at Augusta and the other at Waterville.

## TWO KILLED, THREE INJURED.

Philadelphia, December 31.—Two men were killed and three others injured at the Warden Boiler Works, 19th street and Allegheny, Sunday, by a shifting engine which was backed into the yard of the works in a careless manner. The dead are: Walter Gregory, Patrick McMillan. The injured: Patrick O'Malley, Patrick McHugh and John A. Hallahan, all of whom will recover. The men were pushing an empty car out of the yard when a shifting engine backed a lot of cars into the yard and struck the empty car. The shock threw the five men to the ground and the wheels passed over Gregory, killing him instantly. McMillan was so badly injured that he died on his way to the hospital. The others were only slightly injured.

## INSANE PATIENTS INCREASING.

Augusta, December 31.—The annual report of the Maine Insane hospital for the year ending November 30, which comprises the reports of the trustees, superintendent, treasurer, etc., has been submitted to the Governor and Council. The number of patients has been larger than that of any preceding year. In October it was 737. The daily average has been 723, considerably exceeding that of any previous year. Whole number of patients committed during 1904: 387 men and 427 women.

## THEY, TOO, HAVE A "PLAN."

Indianapolis, Ind., December 31.—H. H. Hanna, chairman of the executive committee of the Indianapolis monetary commission today mailed to the boards of trade and commercial organizations of the country, notice of a call, reconvening the convention in this city on January 23 next. The notice says that the commissioners have received thousands of suggestions from all parts of the country and have finally agreed upon a plan for re-commendation. This plan will be published on January 3.

## MRS. BROWNE'S SIDE OF IT

Doctor's Wife on the Stand Yesterday.

TELLS THE STORY OF HER UNHAPPY MARRIED LIFE.

Admits to Calling Her Husband Names But Declares She Did So Under Provocation—Doctor Began Staying Away From Home Nights First Week After Residence in New York.

Bath, December 31.—The lawyers in the Browne divorce case occupied nearly an hour at the opening of the court Friday morning, in warm arguments over a deposition taken in California.

Counsel Mattocks, who had the deposition taken, made strenuous efforts to get it before the jury, but he was met with objection from Counsel Larrabee, that he did not have reasonable notice that the same was to be taken.

Judge Foster's ruling was against admission, on the ground that Larrabee's counsel did not have reasonable notice. Mr. Mattocks remarked that it cost \$150 to get the deposition and that it was too bad the jury could not hear it.

The deposition of Mrs. Mary Craig showed that she had known Dr. Browne and wife seven years when they resided at Spuyten Duyvil, being in the same house. Mrs. Browne was away much of the time and during her absence the doctor had women visitors. She said she had seen women arrive there early in the evening and go away the next morning.

The deposition of Miss Bertha Craig brought out that she had seen women visit the doctor when Mrs. Browne was away; that they would call early at night and depart the next morning.

Charles D. Kirwin deposed that he was elevator man in the building occupied in part by the Clark family, which consisted of the mother and two daughters, the latter not more than 22 years old.

They had many visitors and Dr. Browne was quite often taken up the elevator. He had heard of the elder Miss Clark speak of the doctor as captain and said that she had been out yachting with him. Miss Alice Preble of Camden deposed that Dr. Browne told her that he wanted to get a divorce to prevent his wife getting alimony, as she had begun proceedings to that effect.

Frank H. Furlington testified that he was an assessor of Bowdoinham; that Dr. Browne's name did not appear on the assessors' books of 1894, '95 and '97, but did on that of '98.

Louis M. Fulton, testified that he was assessor for the municipal year of '94, '95 and that Robert C. Browne asked that Dr. Browne's name be placed on the assessors' list of voters. Witness asked for what purpose. His reply was that the doctor was having trouble with his wife and wanted to make his residence in Bowdoinham. Did not put his name on.

Mrs. Perley Chase of Portland testified that she was acquainted with Dr. Browne and wife and that the doctor's demeanor toward Mrs. Browne was cold and that she never saw Mrs. Browne in a violent temper in the seven years she had known her.

Letters from the doctor to his wife were put into the case by Gen. Mattocks. One written in Boston, March 1, was a very loving epistle in which he said he wished Mrs. Browne had come with him, the letter ending, "lots and lots of love, my sweet little wife."

Another letter closed with "lots of love and one sweet kiss."

In another letter was the sentence, "I'm sorry I left you unhappy; can't we get along without it?"

In another letter was, "I'm sorry I was cross to you."

It was near the noon hour when Mrs. Edith L. D. Browne, the littele, took the stand. "I have heard most all of the doctor's testimony. Was about two months on a trip abroad. The expenses of the trip were about \$10 a day. I gave the doctor \$700 before we started to pay expenses."

Witness said she never drove the doctor from the sleeping apartment to sleep upon the floor. Remember one time at the Vendome hotel when we were talking about a business matter, he became enraged and struck me on the head. He left the room at the time and locked me in. "He never said he was going to move to Bowdoinham. I asked him once to move to Portland, as it would be cheaper to live there. He made no reply, but turned away scornfully. I asked him once to move to another place and he told me to 'shut up.'"

Witness said that the income from her property was \$1800 and that it was in 1895 but very little; that she paid the expense of the household and bought all of her clothing herself with the exception of two silk dresses which the doctor bought for her.

She said the doctor did not spend over

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## THE NEW YEAR IS BORN.

Old Boreas Presided at the Obsequies of 1897.

How the Wind Blew and the Snow Flew While the St. Lawrence Church Chimes Began to Sing Merry Tunes and the English Steamers Signalled the Birth of '98 by Firing Guns.

The year 1898 is born and old Boreas presided at the obsequies of 1897.

New Year's eve, 1897, will ever be remembered in this city as a night on which occurred one of the worst snow storms of the winter. The northeast wind cut loose and fairly made things hum about Portland. The light snow which commenced to fall about dark, came down thick and fast and was drifted badly over the side walks and car tracks. It was a hard night on which to be abroad and many little social gatherings and some larger ones were not as well attended as they might have been had not Boreas taken the last evening of the dying year on which to cut his capers. The street railroads found business brisk from early evening until late at night. The West brook and Deering lines were badly handicapped by the drifting snow but the cars were all run through as nearly on time as possible. The Cape road had its snow plows out early and during the night they were flying back and forth over the line to keep the tracks of that road clear. The Portland railroad followed suit and had plows running all night over its lines.

The steam railroads found the snow easy to deal with. The trains from the east last night were somewhat delayed on the Maine Central and the engines and cars came in entirely incased in snow. The western trains were all on time on this road. The boats scheduled to sail from Portland last night did not start out owing to the heavy storm and the big sea the strong wind kicked up outside. At midnight, Capt. Trundy of the life saving station telephoned the PRESS that it was a tough old night on the Cape shore, but that no damage had been reported up to that hour.

Midnight came and found the wind blowing 18 miles an hour with the snow falling faster than ever. Through the storm could be heard the merry chimes on the St. Lawrence church on the hill as they pealed out a welcome to the new and a requiem for the dying year. On the four English steamers in the harbor the birth of the new year was signalled by the firing of bombs and the ringing of the ship's bells. Aslight bells rang out on board these vessels the officers drank the old year's toast "Sweet Hearts and Wives," in steaming bumpers of old Scotch and wished one another a happy new year, while they told of the good times in merry old England and all of them wished they were there.

HERBERT FULLER AT TRIAL.

Movement to Have Bark at the Bram Trial.

Boston, December 31.—Messrs. J. E. Cotter and Asa P. French, counsel for Thomas M. Bram, called at the office of United States District Attorney Jones at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and a consultation took place between those gentlemen and Mr. Jones and Assistant District Attorney Casey.

Mr. Jones on being asked the subject of the conference and the result said that a statement had been prepared by counsel for the government and for Bram, which stated the matter as those interested desired to have it. The statement given out is as follows:

"Mr. Cotter, counsel for Bram, and United States District Attorney Jones have had a conference with respect to the re-trial of the Bram case. They were agreed that the presence of the Herbert Fuller would greatly facilitate the trial. This vessel is now in Cuba and it is expected in home water in March. The department at Washington has authorized Mr. Jones to incur a reasonable expense for the re-trial of the vessel, and the owners have expressed a willingness to make the desired arrangements. As a result of the conference Mr. Jones will in an informal way state to the court that at some later date counsel will ask the court to assign a date in March for the trial. The precise date with respect to the re-trial of the Bram case will depend upon the somewhat uncertain arrival of the Herbert Fuller."

NEW EVIDENCE IN BRAM CASE.

Halifax, December 31.—James S. Gray, undertaker, is in receipt of a communication from the Superior court, Boston, in connection with the Bram trial. Gray will give evidence in behalf of the defense. He will testify that he noticed a bullet hole in the head of one of the victims of the Fuller tragedy. This will be entirely new evidence and will in a measure differ from the evidence of Medical Examiner Finn and Undertaker Snow. It is rumored that W. A. Carel, another Halifax undertaker, will give evidence in support of that to be given by Gray.

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GAGE.

Washington, December 31.—Whatever occurred between President Gage and Secretary Gage with relation to the latter's tenure of office the fact that Mr. Gage is to remain in the cabinet is regarded as settling the attitude of the administration as to the financial policy.

It is a matter of the choice of terms whether it may be said that Mr. Gage tendered his resignation. What is known to be a fact is that Mr. Gage told the President that if his (Mr. Gage's) attitude and utterances on the financial question were such as to cause any doubt or hesitancy in the President's mind, he would resign, and this could be relieved by Mr. Gage's resignation, he would resign. Had the President intimated that he disapproved the financial policy, the Secretary the latter would have presented in a formal way, his resignation and have retired from the cabinet. But the President gave no such intimation, and the resignation is not expected to be formally presented. The President's reply confirmed the belief on the part of the Secretary that he was not interposing in the administration.

YORK SCHOONER ASHORE.

Exeter, N. H., December 31.—The schooner Frank, of fifty tons, engaged in the brick carrying trade and owned by J. B. Morton of York, Me., is ashore at Hampton Beach. Her crew took to their boats and effected a landing, being now safely housed at one of the beach hotels. The schooner, under command of Captain John C. Anderson, of Boston, was returning from a voyage to New York, when in a blinding snow storm her crew became disarranged and she ran too far ashore near Borehead. The vessel is anchored, but will probably go to pieces in the severe gale that is blowing tonight along the coast.

RUSIE STILL THE GREATEST.

New York, December 31.—Amos Rusie, of the New York base ball club, is once more the greatest pitcher in the game, as elected by President Young, the leading pitcher of the major base ball organization.

STILL DENYING DURANT MOTIONS.

San Francisco, December 31.—The Supreme court today refused the application of attorneys for Theodore Durant for a writ of habeas corpus, because submitted to that body yesterday.

## MISCELLANEOUS.



In the evening twilight of winter time, when the fire sparkles and glows and dances upon the hearth, there are dreams and air castles of the future in the flames for the young woman who sits and gazes into them. Whether these air castles will ever become realities, is largely a matter of health.

No woman can hope to be a contented wife, the mistress of a happy home and the mother of healthy children who suffers from weakness and disease of the delicate organs that are distinctly feminine. All the air castles that she builds will crumble into dust, unless she takes measures to correct the disorders from which she suffers. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a positive cure for all disorders of these most sensitive organs. It makes them strong, healthy and vigorous. It prepares a woman for happy wifehood and healthy motherhood. It robs maternity of its peril and of nearly all pain. It cures child-bearing with strong, healthy constitutions. Thousands of women have testified to its marvelous merits. For nursing mothers it is the best supportive tonic.

When a dealer urges some substitute he's thinking of the larger profit he'll make—not of your welfare.

About ten years ago my wife became afflicted with displacement, causing inflammation and much pain," writes Rev. J. J. Coppedge, of Reno, Kan., Kan. Co., Texas. "She could not stand on her feet or get in any position but what she suffered great pain. I got her a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription which she soon found was helping her; so she kept on until she had taken six bottles. Since taking the last she has not suffered a moment from the old trouble."

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BATH DEFEATS GARDINER.

Bath, December 31.—Bath won tonight from Gardiner in an interesting polo game, Hackett's goal trending being the feature. E. Mooney was presented a gold watch and chain by his admirers. The line up and summary:

Bath—J. Mooney and McGilvary, rushers; E. Mooney, center; Murtough, half back; Burgess, goal.  
Gardiner—Dawson and Turner, rushers; Perry, center; Hadley, half back; Hackett goal.

Goal Won By. Rush By. Caged By. T.  
1—Bath, J. Mooney, J. Mooney, 5.20  
2—Gardiner, J. Mooney, Dawson, 6.10  
3—Bath, Dawson, McGilvary, 3.35  
4—Bath, F. Mooney, Limit.  
5—Bath, J. Mooney, McGilvary, 3.45  
6—Bath, J. Mooney, McGilvary, 7.15  
7—Bath, J. Mooney, Limit.

Score—Bath, 4; Gardiner, 1. Stops—Burgess, 21; Hackett, 45. Fouls—E. Mooney, J. Mooney. Referee—W. H. Long. Timer—C. Fields. Attendance—400.

## MAINE POLO STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr. Ct.
Lewiston,	19	13	.593
Bath,	20	14	.589
Gardiner,	17	17	.500
Rockland,	17	19	.472
Portland,	14	21	.400

## NEW CUBAN CABINET.

Havana, December 31.—Gen. Blanco last night signed the appointments of the president of the council and the five secretaries. The name of Eduardo Dila was substituted for that of Senor Abdon as minister of finance.

According to the Associated Press Havana advices, the following compose the first cabinet of Cuba, under the recently instituted scheme of autonomy, which goes into effect tomorrow:

President of the Cabinet—Senor Jose E. Maria Galtés.  
Minister of Finance—Senor Rafael Monrovo, Marquis of Montoro.  
Minister of the Interior—Senor Antonio Govin.  
Minister of Education—Senor Francisco X. Zayas.  
Minister of Commerce—Eduardo Dolz.  
Minister of Posts and Telegraphs—Senor Laureano Rodriguez.

It is understood that the officials will take the oath of office at the palace tomorrow after attending the celebration of Christmas. The under secretaries will then be nominated together with the chief subordinates of the permanent staff.

## A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys. Malaria, nervous troubles, by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the liver and kidneys, is a purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle contains Only 30¢ a bottle at H. P. S. Gould's Drug Store.

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Sale this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

49 cent lot. Here are half a thousand garments, worth \$1.50 and 1.00, at 49c

Ladies' Scarlet Wool, White Wool, Natural Wool, Camel's Hair, Jersey Knit Undervests.

Ladies' Union Suits. (Vests and Drawers combined in one garment.) The kind that sells at \$2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.25 and 1.00. Your pick of them, at 49c

Men's Undershirts. Gray, scarlet. Camel's hair. \$1.50 and 1.00 kind. Your pick of them, at 49c

Men's Union Suits. Undershirt and Drawers all in one piece. The kind that sell at \$2.00 and 1.50. Your choice today at 49c

Sale at 9:30 a. m.

39 cent lot. A few hundred Ladies' White and Egyptian Jersey Knit Vests. Also flat goods in white and gray. 75c and 50c quality, all at 86c

Gents' Clouded, gray, white and Camel's hair Undershirts. The 75c and 50c kind, at 36c

14c. Two hundred and forty Ladies' and Misses' and Men's Jersey and Merino Undervests and Shirts, white and clouded. 20 cent quality. Price Saturday, 14c

Ladies' Gloves. Ladies' Black Cashmere Gloves. Perfect shape, well made. 25c kind, at 15c

Ladies' Night I. Empire Gown, Gowns 50c. The yoke of elaborate lattice-like Swiss insertion, with Hamburg ruffle above deep collar of Cambric ruffle. Same ruffle at cuffs, 50c

II. Flannel style, but extra fine cloth, high neck with yoke of tucks, 50c

III. Same, muslin, V-neck, yoke of rows Swiss insertion and tucks. Cambric ruffle at neck, 50c

IV. Another with high neck, yoke of ham-burg and tucks, 50c

V. Extra quality muslin, V-neck, 40 line cluster tucks in yoke, cambric ruffle, 50c

VI. Superior muslin, high neck, 36 tucks in clusters, yoke framed in deep and full cambric ruffle, 50c

Six Great I. Umbrella ruffle Drawers, made of soft finish Muslin. Yoke band, deep Cambric Umbrella ruffle, edged with broad Swiss Embroidery, cut full, (32 inches around knee), 50c

Heavy muslin, 4 1/2 inch embroidery ruffle, with five tucks above, yoke band, 50c

Same stock and shape as No. II. The Swiss embroidery ruffle is 5 inches deep, no tucks, 50c

Cambric Drawers, umbrella ruffle, edged with handsome ham-burg, 28 inches around knee, 50c

Cambric Drawers with lawn ruffle (very full ruffle) 2 inch hem, hemstitched, 50c

Cambric Drawers, deep ruffle, 2 1/2 inch Point de Paris Lace, with tucks above, 50c

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John E. Palmer.  
Hotel Majestic.  
Notice of Foreclosure—3.  
FINANCIAL.  
Woodbury & Moulton.  
Mason & Merrill.

New Wants To Let For Sale. Lost, Found and similar advertisements will be found under their appropriate heads on page 6.

BRIEF JOTTINGS.

Timothy O'Connell, of No. 113 Cumberland street, fell on the ice in front of Farrington block and badly injured his hip.

The Young Men's Christian Association will give a reception to their members and friends, this evening from 8 to 10 o'clock. Messrs. Maynard and Coffin, the blind musicians will furnish the entertainment.

A horse attached to a hack owned by Joseph Ramsey ran away on Lincoln street Thursday, and created considerable excitement. Before the animal was captured the hack had been made almost a total wreck.

Francis Lodge, K. of P., will confer the rank of next Tuesday evening. Mrs. Joseph Burnham will read her paper entitled "Snap Shots in Switzerland," before the ladies of the W. L. U. in the vestry of Pine street church, on January 1, at 3 p. m. At the close of the paper, the Travellers' club will serve light refreshments, giving an opportunity for social enjoyment.

The monthly business meeting of the Diet Mission will be held at the Fraternity House, Spring street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Damon Assembly, Pythian Sisterhood, will hold a special meeting this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This evening there will be a public installation to be followed by an entertainment.

The Yarmouth chorus rehearsal will be postponed one week on account of the week of prayer, which commences Monday evening.

Rev. Dr. F. E. Clark of Boston, will supply the Williston pulpit tomorrow.

The city offices, banks and public offices will be closed today in honor of the New Year.

The committee on July 4th celebration, and police pensions met yesterday afternoon. Nothing was made public concerning either meeting.

Hose 5 and the chemical were called to No. 7 Vine street yesterday afternoon, for a basement fire. The house was occupied by Mr. Bernstein. The damage was small.

State Veterinarian Dr. Geo. H. Bailey has been at Kittery examining cows and found two badly affected with tuberculosis. He ordered them killed.

The Portland Gun club will shoot at Bath today.

The Jefferson Dramatic company will present "At the Picket Line" in Mystic hall this evening.

The members of Mystic lodge, I. O. G. T., had a Christmas tree and watch meeting last evening.

The third assembly in the series under the auspices of Messrs. Richard Conant Payson, John Cushing Allen and Wm. Henry Clifford, Jr., was given at Gilbert's hall last evening.

Mr. Kotschmar will direct the Gardner festival chorus this season.

Rhine Brothers' store will be closed all day today stock taking. You may expect to see their advertisements in the daily papers next week for reduction sales. Look out for low prices.

J. R. Hancock will deliver tomorrow evening the second in his present course of illustrated lectures at the Second Parish church.

The New Year concert by members of the Gospel Mission Sunday school will be repeated at the Mission Sunday evening.

The Young Women's Christian Association will give to the young women of Portland a New Year's reception, to be held at their rooms Saturday, from 8 to 10 p. m. Plans are being made for an enjoyable evening. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to the young women of the city.

The women's meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held in the vestry of the Friends' church at 4:30 p. m. Sunday. Miss Simms will lead the meeting and women are cordially invited to attend.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM H. SOULE.

The funeral of the late William H. Soule took place at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the late residence of the deceased, 88 Cushman street. There was a large attendance. Rev. J. L. Jenkins, D. D., pastor of the State street Congregational church, officiated and the pall bearers were Leander W. Fobes, Charles W. Pickard, Howard Soule, and Silas H. McAlpine. Interment was at Evergreen.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Extracts From Adjutant Gen. Richards' Order.

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Annual Ball at the Auditorium Last Night.

It was a nasty night last evening, but the fire department and their friends care very little for weather, and as a consequence there was a well filled balcony, and a large number of settlers on the floor and the great auditorium crowded with ladies and gentlemen. The hall looked very attractive in the decorations put up by the railway men, who lately gave a ball at the same place, and in addition there were the great banners of the Firemen's association.

The first hour of the evening was devoted to the views displayed by the vitascopes. They were all of a high order of excellence and gave the greatest pleasure to the well amused audience. Then came the dance at 9 o'clock. Then came an order of fifteen dances with a number of round dances thrown in after intermission. The Chief Marshal was Chief M. N. Eldridge, Floor Director William S. Merrill, Assistant Floor Director J. H. Black, with these aides, all of whom were in full uniform: J. W. Lombard, F. G. Hollier, F. A. Davis, G. N. E. Kimball, D. McCarthy, F. C. Girard, M. J. O'Rourke, L. M. Blake, W. G. Parker, Robert Copeland, J. E. Loring, C. E. Clark, Harry Lovett, C. H. Ray, W. H. Perry, P. H. Silva, F. W. Powers, F. E. Davis, H. G. Rowe, G. T. Steman, S. H. Cady, M. A. Ross, F. E. Berry. This was the efficient committee of arrangements: Chief M. N. Eldridge, First Assistant Engineer J. N. Long, Captains J. B. Brown, J. M. Farnsworth, C. E. Jordan, A. E. Knight.

The dance cards tore as a frontispiece a picture of a fireman with his axe cutting away a part of a burning building, and beneath a cart with the firemen running into the burning house. In the center were the letters R. A. P. F. D.

HERE AND THERE.

Items of Interest Picked Up Alongshore Yesterday.

The fishing schooner Arthur Birnie of Boston and Everett Pierce of Gloucester, arrived here yesterday. The fares of both vessels were sold to Portland dealers.

The big dredge hauled out into the harbor yesterday afternoon and will be ready for going to work today.

Four English steamers are now in port loading with great rapidity.

Many of the steamship agents and officials left for Montreal last night to spend New Year's day with their families.

The British steamer Peconic, Capt. Mills, arrived yesterday morning about 10 o'clock from Giganti, Italy. The physicians and boarding officers went on board the steamer and after giving her a clean bill of health, she hauled into the Maine Central wharf above Portland bridge, where she will discharge her cargo of 3000 tons of brimstone for Cumberland Mills.

Capt. Mills reports a fair winter passage of 17 days, encountering some rough weather, but nothing more than might be expected for this season of the year. While laying at Giganti, a terrible gale swept the harbor, blowing all shipping away from the wharves, parting cables, etc., and doing considerable damage. The Peconic came in for her share and was delayed several days repairing the havoc wrought by the gale. She was put in thorough shape at Gibraltar.

The Thompson liner Gerona, Capt. Dakers, sailed yesterday forenoon for London. The total value of the cargo she took out is \$236,000. The Canadian portion was 8,421 bushels rye, 10,215 bushels peas, 143 packages radiators, 201 barrels apples, 200 cases canned goods, 427 bags asbestos, 181 boxes meats, 15,750 bundles shooks, 1,174 pieces deals, 3,678 pieces birch, 13,852 boxes cheese, 435 boxes butter, 22 cases hats, 1 box clothing, 509 sacks peas, 92 horses.

The American portion: 3,500 sacks flour, 70,000 bushels oats, 42,500 bushels corn, 900 boxes meats, 1 box samples, 300 cattle.

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THE MUNICIPAL COURT.

Cases Before Judge Robinson Yesterday Morning.

Thomas E. Rossignol was charged with having stolen 70 pounds of metal of the value of five cents a pound from the Portland Publishing company. He pleaded guilty. Inspector Bickett testified that he arrested the prisoner who was caught in the act of trying to take the metal away. Rossignol admitted that he was one and the same man who had been convicted for a like offence last April. "I am going to give you a jail sentence now," said Judge Robinson, "but if you come here again the charge of being a common thief will be brought against you and on that complaint the statute which orders a sentence of from 4 to 15 years, will be brought into effect." He was given three months in jail.

Edward Joyce, a boy 19 years of age, pleaded guilty to the larceny of two bottles of cream from the Portland creamery. Officer Skillings related how he had followed the boy up and had at last succeeded in catching him in a yard on Pleasant street on Thursday afternoon. The officer stated that he had complaints about the lad stealing nearly every day. The court asked the boy if he was the same one who had been convicted of stealing cigars in July 1896. The boy replied that he was. The court then sentenced the young fellow to the reform school during his minority. The mother of the boy appeared and asked clemency, but Judge Robinson remarked that it was too late.

Terms of 90 days in jail were dealt out to Florence Nelson, a self-confessed night walker, and to James A. Haley, who was convicted of being a common drunkard.

During the month of September, James E. McShane and Peter Christiansen were brought into court, the former on a charge of truancy and the latter for the larceny of a sum of money from John Trefethen, the Market street grain merchant. Both are boys and at the time, as they promised better things in the future, Judge Robinson continued the case for sentence until the last day of the year. Both of the young men were in court yesterday morning. The father of McShane was on hand and stated that his son had been conducting himself in an exemplary manner. The boy said he was trying to do as well as he could. The court was pleased to learn these facts and announced that a fine of \$10 and costs would be imposed, but that it would be suspended. Christiansen said that he had turned over a new leaf. He was attending strictly to business now and Mr. Trefethen had taken him back to work. In this case Judge Robinson imposed a fine of \$5 and costs which he also suspended.

John E. Singleton was fined \$3 and costs for intoxication.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. H. McDonald, of the Stoddard House, Farmington, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Frederic R. Sears, of Phillips Exeter Academy, is visiting relatives on Vaughan street.

Rev. Dr. Blanchard has been suffering from the grip but is now improving.

Mr. Whitmore—Toby Candor—was in town yesterday.

Mr. J. S. Marrett, who has been very ill the past week, was sufficiently improved in health to go down stairs yesterday.

Capt. Samuel Pike, of steamer St. Croix, is at his home in Lubec quite sick, under the doctor's charge. He was at home for one or two weeks, for a rest, and on joining his boat he contracted a severe cold, and was confined to his room during the trip. It is thought a run of fever may be the result. Capt. W. H. Allan has charge during Capt. Pike's absence.

Hon. W. W. Thomas and family left yesterday for New York. They will sail on the St. Louis for Southampton, Wednesday.

The resignation of Rev. T. S. Sampson as pastor of the Free street Baptist church, took effect yesterday. Mr. Sampson has been with the Free street church for about five years.

Ralph H. Jordan has been elected First Councillor, and Wm. Thickens, secretary treasurer of the Commercial Travelers' Insurance Company branch in this city.

DEATH OF MRS. CHARLES L. FOX.

A cablegram received last evening announced the death of Mrs. Charles L. Fox in Rome, Italy, from pneumonia. Mrs. Fox was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Brown of Boston. It is only a short time ago that she was married to Mr. Fox, the artist. With her husband she went abroad in October last. Her death will be a great shock to her family and friends in this city.

THE ARCOLA PULLED OFF.

The wrecked schooner Arcola was pulled off of Green Island by the tugs Belknap and Dickey yesterday afternoon and towed over to the Cape where she was beached. Her bottom was badly torn, and she has received a number of other injuries. Her deck load of long lumber was taken off and landed on Green Island.

WOMAN'S LITERARY UNION.

Mrs. Josiah Burnham will read her paper entitled "Snap Shots in Switzerland," before the members of the W. L. U. on Saturday, January 1, at 3 p. m., in the vestry of Pine street church. Tea will be served by the Travellers' club, and a social hour enjoyed.

All Run Down

Dyspepsia and Liver Troubles—Now Better Than For Two Years.

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CURED IN TWO WEEKS BY CUTICURA REMEDIES.

I have suffered with a case of Eczema of the worst kind, my face and neck down to my shoulders were one inflammation, was not able to see out of my eyes for quite a while, and was unable to sleep for weeks, on account of the severe pain, which nearly drove me insane. My face and neck were swollen and made me look hideous. I had recognized myself in a mirror, and my friends would not have known me, only on account of my clothes and carrying myself. The torture and intense pain I endured all that time, no wonder that there are so many suicides.

Three doctors, of good practice, at different times were attending me, and not one of them could relieve me of my pain, swelling, and blotches. I gave up all. A friend advised me to try CUTICURA REMEDIES. I did and was made a new man.

My first bottle of CUTICURA RESOLVENT was taken on Feb. 18, 1897, also CUTICURA ointment and CUTICURA SOAP. There was immediately a great change, my shoulders and neck turning to their natural color.

I used a total of three bottles of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, four boxes CUTICURA (ointment) three cakes of CUTICURA SOAP, and my friends and one of the doctors are surprised, and asked who cured me, and I tell them quickly CUTICURA REMEDIES. J. V. KAPKA, March 1, 1897. 33 Scholtz St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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